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EIGHT GRADED STAKES WINNERS TOP SATURDAY'S GRADE III, \$100,000 OLD FORESTER MINT JULEP

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (Monday, May 25, 2020) – Multiple graded stakes winner **Beau Recall (IRE)** is set for her 2020 campaign along with Grade III-winning stablemate **Juliet Fox trot (GB)** as they face 12 rivals, including six other graded stakes winners, that were entered in Saturday's 44th running of the \$100,000 Old Forester Mint Julep (Grade III) at Churchill Downs.

Run at 1 1/16 miles on the Matt Winn Turf Course, the Old Forester Mint Julep is carded as Race 11 on Saturday's 11-race race card. The program will also feature the \$100,000 Winning Colors presented by Finlandia (GIII) in Race 7. First post is 1 p.m. (all times Eastern).

Beau Recall and Juliet Fox trot, trained by **Brad Cox**, drew post positions No. 1 and 2, respectively. Cox will use Saturday's Old Forester Mint Julep as a likely prep race for the \$300,000 Just a Game (GI) on June 27 at Belmont Park and/or \$350,000 Jenny Wiley (GI) at Keeneland on July 11.

Owned by **Slam Dunk Racing** and **Medallion Racing**, Beau Recall had a stellar 5-year-old campaign with victories in the \$400,000 Churchill Downs Distaff Turf Mile (GII) and \$200,000 Yellow Ribbon (GII). Jockey **Shaun Bridgmohan** will ride Beau Recall.

Juddmonte Farms' Juliet Fox trot reached graded stakes glory in the \$150,000 Modesty (GIII) prior to a heartbreaking runner-up effort in the \$200,000 John C. Mabee (GII). Juliet Fox trot concluded her 2019 campaign with a second-place finish in the \$400,000 First Lady (GI). **Florent Geroux** has the call on Juliet Fox trot.

Six other graded stakes winners are among the Mint Julep competitors: **Madaket Stables, Tim and Anna Cambron** and **Bradley Thoroughbreds'** \$200,000 Wonder Again (GIII) winner **La Signare** (post 5); **First Row Partners** and **Hidden Brook Farm's** \$300,000 Mrs. Revere (GII) victor **Nay Lady Nay** (post 6); Madaket Stables, **Heider Family Stables, ERJ Racing, Elayne Stables** and **Steven Bouchey's** \$175,000 Nassau (GII) champ **Secret Message** (post 7); **Augustin Stable's** \$200,000 Lake Placid (GII) hero **Varenka** (post 9); **John McCormack's** \$150,000 The Very One (GIII) winner **Elizabeth Way** (post 13); and **Mrs. J.V. Shields** and **E.J.M McFadden Jr.'s** \$150,000 Gallorette (GIII) winner **Mitchell Road** (post 14).

The complete field for the Old Forester Mint Julep from the rail out (with jockey and trainer): Juliet Fox trot (Geroux, Cox); Beau Recall (Bridgmohan, Cox); **Winning Envelope** (Julien Leparoux, Chris Block); **She'sonthewarpath** (Chantal Sutherland, Steve Margolis); La Signare (Ricardo Santana Jr., Brendan Walsh); Nay Lady Nay (Jose Ortiz, Chad Brown); Secret Message (John Velazquez, Graham Motion); **Altea** (Joel Rosario, Brown); Varenka (Javier Castellano, Motion); **Hanalei Moon** (Tyler Gaffalione, Mark Casse); **Zofelle** (Corey Lanerie, Walsh); **Coco Channel** (Rafael Bejarano, Charlie LoPresti); Elizabeth Way (Brian Hernandez Jr., Roger Attfield); Mitchell Road (Joe Talamo, Bill Mott).

WINNING COLORS FIELD DRAWS GRADED STAKES WINNERS BREAK EVEN, BELL'S THE ONE, MIA MISCHIEF, SPICED PERFECTION – Graded stakes winners **Break Even, Bell's the One, Mia Mischief** and **Spiced Perfection** top an extremely-competitive nine-horse affair in Saturday's 17th running of the Grade III, \$100,000 Winning Colors presented by Finlandia at Churchill Downs.

The six-furlong Winning Colors is the co-featured event on Saturday's card along with the \$100,000 Old Forester Mint Julep (GIII) for fillies and mares at 1 1/16 miles on the turf. The Winning Colors will go as Race 7 while the Mint Julep is carded as Race 11. First post for the 11-race program is 1 p.m. (all times Eastern).

The Winning Colors field is led by Grade I winners Mia Mischief and Spiced Perfection. Mia Mischief, owned by **Stonestreet Stables** and trained by Hall of Famer **Steve Asmussen**, won last year's \$500,000 Distaff (GI) at Churchill Downs. The 5-year-old mare by Into Mischief began her 2020 campaign with a 2 1/4-length allowance victory and 4 1/2-length win in Oaklawn Park's \$125,000 Carousel Stakes. Asmussen's go-to rider **Ricardo Santana Jr.** will be in the irons from post No. 8.

Haruya Yoshida's newly-purchased mare Spiced Perfection will break from post 7 Saturday in her first start with trainer **Mark Casse**. Spiced Perfection has earned more than \$1.2 million in purse earnings, which includes a Grade I score in the \$300,000 La Brea for former owners **Dare To Dream Stable** and trainer **Brian Koriner**. In 2019, Spiced Perfection was transferred to trainer **Peter Miller** and scored a hard-fought victory in the \$300,000 Madison (GI) for owners **Pantofel Stable, Wachtel Stable** and **Peter Deutsch**. **Javier Castellano** will have the call in Saturday's Winning Colors.

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The Winning Colors field also includes **Klein Racing's** multiple stakes winner Break Even (post 2); **Lothenbach Stables** \$250,000 Raven Run (GII) winner Bell's the One (post 4); and **KMN Racing's** \$200,000 Evening Jewel hero **Sneaking Out** (post 1). Break Even is cross-entered as a main track-only competitor in Race 9 on Thursday at Churchill Downs.

The complete field for the Winning Colors from the rail out (with jockey and trainer): Sneaking Out (Jose Ortiz, Jerry Hollendorfer); Break Even (Joel Rosario, Brad Cox); **Princess Causeway** (Chris Landeros, Ian Wilkes); Bell's the One (Corey Lanerie, Neil Pessin); **Unique Factor** (Florent Geroux, Peter Miller); **Take Charge Angel** (Julien Leparoux, Ben Colebrook); Spiced Perfection (Castellano, Casse); Mia Mischief (Santana, Asmussen); and **Lady Suebee** (Tyler Baze, John Sadler).

FRIDAY ALLOWANCE DRAWS GRADE I WINNER HOG CREEK HUSTLE – **Something Special Racing's** Grade I winner **Hog Creek Hustle** will attempt to return to top form in a highly-competitive allowance event on Friday at Churchill Downs.

"The Hog," as he is affectionately known around the stable area, scored a come-from-behind victory in last year's \$400,000 Woody Stephens (GI) at Belmont Park, which gave trainer **Vickie Foley** her first Grade I win. The now 4-year-old son of Overanalyze will attempt to turn his form around following an eighth-place finish in the \$350,000 Count Fleet Sprint (GIII) and a well-beaten third-place effort in the \$300,000 Gulfstream Park Mile (GII). Hog Creek Hustle is the 4-1 favorite in the main body of the race.

Friday's Race 7 allowance event drew a solid field of 12 sprinters with four horses on the also eligible list. Among those on the also eligible list is **Phoenix Thoroughbred** and **Three Chimney Farm's** potential future star **Volatile**, who earned a stout 107 Brisnet Speed Rating in his 7 1/2-length allowance win at Oaklawn.

"It's one of the toughest allowance races I've ever seen," said trainer **Wes Hawley**, who entered recent Oaklawn Park allowance winner **Absolutely Aiden** in the seven-furlong event. "I knew it could probably draw a tough field but this is incredibly strong."

Friday's card gets underway at 1 p.m. Post time for Race 7 is 4:08 p.m. Free Brisnet past performances can be found on www.churchilldowns.com/handicapping.

DOWN THE STRETCH – The 20-cent single 6 Jackpot was hit on Sunday for the tune of \$223,803. The jackpot will start over in Races 5-10 on Monday. ... Monday's card featured a \$5,768 carryover in the \$1 Super Hi 5. First post was 1 p.m. ... **Ken and Sarah Ramsey** scored their 500th victory beneath the Twin Spires in Race 3 on Sunday with 5-year-old gelding **Spanned**. ... Churchill Downs all-time leading trainer **Dale Romans** held a 737-733 win lead over **Steve Asmussen** at the start of Monday's program. ... Racing will continue on Thursday at Churchill Downs for a four-day racing week. First post is 1 p.m.

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